

Resolution: Compassionate Protection of Innocent Human Life (replacing Plank 23 on the 2024 RPT Platform):

WHEREAS, the Republican Party of Texas reaffirms its unwavering commitment to the sanctity of human life from conception to natural death; and

WHEREAS, the overturning of *Roe v. Wade* and the enactment of strong pro-life laws in Texas have saved thousands of unborn lives while affirming that women facing unplanned pregnancies deserve care, compassion, and support; and

WHEREAS, Texas law rightly focuses enforcement on illegal abortion providers, traffickers, and distributors of chemical abortion drugs who profit from ending unborn lives and exploiting vulnerable women, while shielding mothers from criminal prosecution; and

WHEREAS, proposals that seek to criminalize women who obtain abortions, including calls for the death penalty or lengthy prison sentences, are inconsistent with compassion, counterproductive to enforcement, and contrary to the pro-life movement's commitment to protecting both mother and child; and

WHEREAS, we recognize that Pregnancy Resource Centers continue both to save thousands of children from abortion and bring healing and a change of heart to those who have aborted their children. Without immunity, many women would never consider going to a Pregnancy Resource Center, either when considering an abortion or after getting an abortion; and

WHEREAS, women often face coercion, pressure, misinformation, or abuse when confronted with an unplanned pregnancy, and punishing them undermines efforts to build a culture of life rooted in mercy, accountability, and justice; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Republican Party of Texas affirms a compassionate pro-life approach that:

1. Strengthens enforcement against illegal abortion providers, traffickers, and distributors of chemical abortion drugs;
2. Opposes criminal penalties against women for abortion, so that mothers may freely access life-affirming pregnancy resource centers, which successfully save lives and bring support and healing;
3. Supports increased funding and resources for pregnancy centers, adoption services, maternal health programs, and post-abortion healing; and
4. Advances education and outreach that affirms the dignity of every human life and empowers women to choose life.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that by rejecting punitive measures against women and focusing accountability where it belongs, on illegal abortion providers, Texas can continue to protect innocent life while building a true culture of life.

New resolution on Enforcing the Comstock Act:

Whereas, the federal Comstock Act prohibits the mailing or shipment via U.S. Mail or common carriers (including private services like FedEx and UPS) of any article, drug, or substance designed, adapted, or intended to produce abortion; and

Whereas, the federal government has failed to enforce this longstanding law, allowing a massive pipeline of abortion-inducing drugs (such as mifepristone and misoprostol) to be shipped directly into Texas in violation of both federal and Texas law; and

Whereas, these illegal mail-order chemical abortions now account for the vast majority of abortions occurring in Texas despite our state's strong protections for preborn life from fertilization, endangering women with unregulated, unmonitored drugs and circumventing Texas statutes;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Republican Party of Texas calls upon the federal government—particularly the Department of Justice and United States Postal Service—to immediately and vigorously enforce the Comstock Act's prohibitions on mailing or shipping abortion drugs and related materials, thereby shutting down this illegal deadly pipeline and lack of federal enforcement affecting Texas' protecting of innocent preborn life, the health of Texas mothers, and the rule of law.

Resolution To **AMEND** the 2024 RPT Platform **Plank #97**, Education on Humanity and Dignity of the Preborn Child

97. Education on Humanity and Dignity of the Preborn Child: ~~We support requiring~~ Texas students ~~to~~ should learn about the humanity of the preborn child, including life-affirming definitions of life and the study of life, the concept that life begins at fertilization, milestones of fetal development at two-week gestational intervals, use of fetal baby models, witnessing of a live ultrasound, viewing ~~the following~~ life-affirming videos such as: Meet Baby Olivia, A Glimpse Inside, and Miracle of Life, and others like them, and (for high school students) the contents of the current Texas Woman's Right to Know booklet. In addition, students should receive instruction on the dignity of human life and what the State of Texas provides through empowerment, resources, and support for mothers choosing life for their babies. ~~and the principles of equal protection that were as instituted in the Declaration of Independence and the United States Constitution. that "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness," as well as that "no State shall deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws."~~

THEREFORE, the new Plank #97 would read:

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Resolution to Replace the 2024 RPT Platform with a **NEW Plank #195**, to Support Thriving Texas Families

~~195. Abolish Abortion: We urge the Texas Legislature to enact legislation to abolish abortion by immediately securing the right to life and equal protection of the laws to all preborn children from the moment of fertilization and to oppose legislation that discriminates against any preborn children and violates the United States Constitution by denying such persons equal protection of the laws, and to adopt effective tools to ensure the enforcement of our laws to protect life when doctors or district attorneys fail to do so.~~

THEREFORE, the new Plank #195 would read:

195. Support the Thriving Texas Families Program: We support maintaining or increasing funding through the Thriving Texas Families Program to assist pregnancy resource centers, adoption services, and maternity homes in providing tangible support to Texan women in need who are choosing life for their babies and building a culture of life in Texas.

Resolution Calling for IVF Reporting Requirements and Embryo Protections

WHEREAS, the Republican Party of Texas affirms the sanctity of human life from conception to natural death; and

WHEREAS, in vitro fertilization (IVF) creates human embryos that deserve protection as unborn children; and

WHEREAS, transparency in IVF practices is essential to safeguard these embryos and prevent their abandonment or destruction; and

WHEREAS, embryo adoption programs offer a life-affirming alternative to discarding surplus embryos;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Texas supports legislation to protect unborn life from conception by:

1. Requiring IVF clinics to submit annual reports to the Texas Health and Human Services Commission detailing the number of embryos created, the number and status of those in cryopreservation or storage, and outcomes for any discarded or transferred embryos;
2. Mandating protections for embryos once created, including protocols for transfer of custody in the event of clinic closure, abandonment, patient death, or divorce, to ensure they are not destroyed without due process;
3. Requiring clinics to provide patients with written information about embryo adoption programs and resources prior to any cryopreservation, empowering families to choose life-affirming options.